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**From:** Kovner, Karissa [Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/25/2021 2:10:10 PM  
**To:** Keigwin, Richard [Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Siciliano, CarolAnn [Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Mexico -- SEMARNAT

Sure, thanks.

Best,  
Karissa  
EPA mobile: (202)365-7838

On Jan 25, 2021, at 7:17 AM, Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

Perhaps let's just wait to see if this bubbles up again. If so, we can raise with Michal and see how she'd like to proceed.

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**From:** Kovner, Karissa <Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 10:22 PM  
**To:** Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Siciliano, CarolAnn <Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Mexico -- SEMARNAT

At the senior career level I'd say more USDA, particularly the USDA folks in the embassy in Mexico City. I can check with them?

USTR is more on the enforcement side, waiting to see the USMCA role. But I believe the USTR/USDA political letter was sent last week, I can confirm that too, if you'd like.

Best,  
Karissa  
EPA mobile: (202)365-7838

On Jan 24, 2021, at 9:29 PM, Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

Might be helpful to check with USTR to see what their thoughts are. Wasn't some of the impetus for the letter coming from them?

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**From:** Kovner, Karissa <Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 9:15 PM  
**To:** Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Mexico -- SEMARNAT

Hola,

Given Mike's arrival, please advise on whether you'd like to move forward with this letter and, if so, let me know if your invite list for the meeting has changed.

Best,  
Karissa  
EPA mobile: (202)365-7838

On Jan 20, 2021, at 9:29 AM, Keigwin, Richard  
<[Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

Not a problem.

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**From:** Kovner, Karissa <[Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov](mailto:Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** Keigwin, Richard <[Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Mexico -- SEMARNAT

Sure. Ill schedule. Absent your objection, I'd like to include Ashley as well.

Best,  
Karissa  
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On Jan 20, 2021, at 8:46 AM, Keigwin, Richard  
<[Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

Let's schedule some time with Tala before I sign. I want to make sure that she is looped into the discussion/background for this letter. I think I will have some additional tweaks, as well.

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**From:** Kovner, Karissa <[Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov](mailto:Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:30 PM  
**To:** Keigwin, Richard <[Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to Mexico -- SEMARNAT

Just checking in on this to see if you need anything further? Happy Inauguration.

Best,  
Karissa  
EPA mobile: (202)365-7838

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kovner, Karissa"  
<Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>  
**Date:** January 14, 2021 at 5:00:00 PM  
EST  
**To:** "Keigwin, Richard"  
<Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Nelsen, Ashley"  
<Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>, "Siciliano,  
CarolAnn"  
<Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Mexico --  
SEMARNAT

Rick,

Here is the revised letter (on  
letterhead! 😊). Let me know if you  
need anything else in order to send it  
out via email.  
For Julio (addressee) and Ricardo (in the  
cc), here are their emails.

[julio.trujillo@semarnat.gob.mx](mailto:julio.trujillo@semarnat.gob.mx)  
[ricardo.ortiz@semarnat.gob.mx](mailto:ricardo.ortiz@semarnat.gob.mx)  
(and a small reminder that when you  
can't find Ashley in the system for the  
cc, it's Nelsen with an e and not an o!)

Ashley and I will look for it coming  
across the screen and then we will  
share with USDA/FAS and OITA Mexico  
desk.  
Best,  
Karissa  
(202)365-7838

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**From:** Keigwin, Richard  
<Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:11  
PM  
**To:** Kovner, Karissa  
<Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Nelsen, Ashley  
<Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>; Siciliano,  
CarolAnn  
<Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Mexico --  
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A quick chat would probably be helpful.

Rick Keigwin  
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator  
for Management  
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution  
Prevention  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Phone: 202-564-2910  
Sent from my iPhone (Please excuse  
typos!)

On Jan 14, 2021, at  
12:23 PM, Kovner,  
Karissa  
<[Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov](mailto:Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov)>  
ov> wrote:

Rick,

If this is not enough  
context, let me know  
and we can call you  
when you have a  
moment.

I do not want to push  
you, but the faster we  
can finish, the better  
position we are in with  
USTR to say we have  
done our job now you  
do yours to it and,  
potentially, with OITA  
in terms of the  
transition to you and  
not making this bigger  
than pesticides. I  
believe our narrow  
focus of this letter is  
more likely to be  
fruitful for OCSP's  
interests.

Let us know.  
Thanks,

Karissa

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**From:** Kovner, Karissa  
**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 12:12 PM  
**To:** Dunn, Alexandra  
<dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Nelsen, Ashley  
<Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>; Siciliano, CarolAnn  
<Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter to Mexico -- SEMARNAT

Alex,

Attached is the draft letter to SEMARNAT, intended to be from Rick. I have annotated it to give you some sense of our thinking. Please take a look when you can, as ideally could be sent early next week to avoid a transition week date across the top.

I looked for Rick on the OPS General yesterday to confirm that he is aware of what you have in mind for this, and assumed we would collectively finalize at the international monthly on Tuesday (now not happening). I'm not sure what conversations you have had with him on this since our Christmas week conversation with Ted, but I feel like he has been in some of the meetings where we have discussed? Regardless, once you let me know if this works for you, I will

reach out to him and  
figure out what he  
needs from me and  
confirm content with  
him – you have enough  
on your plate and that's  
easy for me to manage.

Thanks,  
Karissa

<Keigwin.SEMARNAT.Ja  
n82021.karissa.docx>